



# THE NORTH END

## REGIONAL REVIEW

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Guest of Honor, Mayor Michelle Wu, joined NEMPAC's Music Theatre Troupe students and alumni on stage for a performance of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" during NEMPAC's 20th Anniversary concert and fundraiser earlier this month.

## NEMPAC celebrates 20th anniversary

By John Lynds

Earlier this month the North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) celebrated its 20th anniversary in style with a "Roaring Twenties" themed concert and fundraiser at Big Night Live. The event was a tribute to NEMPAC's history, founders, and community, as well as a fundraiser to step into the future of equitable community arts.

NEMPAC was able to raise

close to \$174,000, thanks to the generous support of its event sponsors and the City of Boston, donations by local businesses and community members, and contributions of close to 350 guests.

The highlight of the evening was the performance of Guest of Honor, Mayor Michelle Wu, joining NEMPAC's Music Theatre Troupe students and alumni on stage for a performance of "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

Wu, who lived in the North End

while helping raise her sister, is a classically trained pianist and had a piano moved into her office after her inauguration in January.

"When my parents first came to this country, they didn't speak English very well," she has said WGBH. "Music was how they could still feel connected to the community here, despite language barriers, despite other cultural barriers. Music transcended every-

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## Michlewitz secures nearly \$2 million for North End

By John Lynds

After three days of debate and over a thousand proposed amendments, the \$49.73 billion FY23 state budget passed the House of Representatives 155-0 and now goes to the Senate for their consideration.

In the budget Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Chairman of Ways and Means, secured nearly \$2 million in state funding for North End programs.

Michlewitz was able to secure \$350,000 to support programs and services administered by

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health).

"This money will help NEW Health continue to address COVID and its impacts on the communities it serves," said Michlewitz. "It will also support substance abuse treatment programs in the neighborhoods. It's state funding we've done annually for the past few years."

Another \$250,000 will go towards renovations of the kitchen and \$50,000 for the public bathrooms at the fire station on Hanover Street.

"The fire station had a couple of issues with the kitchen and

the bathrooms that needed to be addressed," said Michlewitz. "The big piece is the rehab of the bathroom. As a public building and being right along the Freedom Trail it gets used a lot by tourists so we felt that was something that we wanted to be helpful with given the firefighters down there had mentioned that they needed some additional resources."

Michlewitz also secured \$200,000 to support the North End Music and Performance Art Center's "Next Act" capital campaign.

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## During first quarter 2022 District A-1's violent Part One Crime down 18%

By John Lynds

Boston Police released the first quarter crime stats for District A-1 and violent Part One Crime was down 18 percent while non-violent Part One Crime was up four percent.

Part One Crimes are the more serious crimes the Boston Police keep track of and are split between violent and nonviolent Part One Crimes.

When comparing January 1, 2022 through May 15, 2022 with the same time period during the first quarter of 2021 there were two homicides so far this year which was the same number reported during the same period in 2021.

Rape or attempted rape is up 50 percent with eight incidents in the first quarter of 2021 and 12 reported so far this year.

Robbery and attempted robbery is down 38 percent with 52 incidents reported in the first quarter of 2021 and 32 reported so far this year.

Domestic aggravated assaults decreased 15 percent with 13 incidents in the first quarter of 2021 and 11 reported so far this year.

Non-domestic aggravated assaults dropped 11.5 percent with 69 incidents in the first quar-

ter of 2021 and 61 reported so far this year.

All in all there were 118 reported violent Part One Crimes in the first four months of 2022, down 18 percent from the 144 reported incidents during the first four months of 2021.

As for nonviolent Part One Crimes, the overall numbers are up eight percent according to the report.

There were 17 commercial burglaries in the first four months of 2021 but that number has jumped 41 percent with 24 reported so far this year.

Residential burglaries are down 65 percent with 20 reported in the first four months of 2021 and 7 reported so far this year.

Larcenies from a motor vehicle are up 3 percent while other larcenies are up 22 percent.

Auto theft is up 26 percent with 34 reported in the first four months of 2021 and 43 reported so far this year.

Overall there were 658 nonviolent Part One Crimes reported so far this year, up eight percent from the 607 reported during the first four months of 2021.

As always, if you observe any unusual activity or observe a crime in progress, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.

## SWEARING IN



District 1 City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta was sworn in by Mayor Michelle Wu during the City Council's weekly meeting Wednesday at City Hall. Councilor Coletta was joined by her mother, Nina, father, Ed, partner, Sebastian Zapata and her sister, Angela Acevedo.

# EDITORIAL

## NO END IN SIGHT FOR OUR RECURRING NATIONAL NIGHTMARE

The horrific and tragic mass shooting that occurred in Buffalo, New York, on a quiet Saturday afternoon in a supermarket in a predominantly Black community once again has highlighted how the intersection of racial hatred fomented by the internet and the easy availability of assault weapons of mass destruction are causing carnage in communities all across America.

The reality is this: There is no place in the United States that is free from the spectre of gun violence.

The small community of Winthrop is coming up on the one-year anniversary of the shooting death of two Black residents by a young white man armed with a high-capacity handgun on an early-summer Saturday afternoon on a peaceful residential street.

And, similar to the shooter in Buffalo, the white gunman in Winthrop espoused white supremacist views with Nazi emblems among his personal belongings and, it is believed, was en route to a nearby synagogue, though fortunately he was stopped by a Winthrop police sergeant who shot him dead just a few blocks away.

As usual, the aftermath of the tragedy in Buffalo brought calls for regulation of the internet to stop the spread of hate movements and for the regulation of the sale of the military-grade weaponry that makes such incidents possible.

But as usual, it's all just a lot of talk. Meaningful gun control by Congress never will happen because of the stranglehold upon the Republican party (and some Democrats) by the gun lobby, despite overwhelming public support for such measures.

And the internet only grows more toxic day-by-day and lurks as a haven for white supremacists to spread their hateful messages on the Dark Web.

America is trapped in a recurring nightmare of a reality of our own creation that, no matter how many times we replay it, we are unable to change.

## IF WOMEN WERE WORLD LEADERS, THERE WOULD BE NO MORE WARS

It's well-known that men constitute most of the sociopaths among us. A sociopath by definition lacks empathy, a person who has no conscience.

Although childhood trauma and abuse can alter a person's brain, sociopaths for the most part are born, not made. High-tech imaging has shown that the part of the human brain that triggers an empathetic response in most people is non-functioning (or functions minimally) in sociopaths.

It is estimated that only one percent of humanity are sociopaths, but of those, 75-90% are men. And while there are women who are sociopaths, they tend not to be violent. Sociopathic women share the same traits -- pathological lying, for example -- as male sociopaths, but their goal generally manifests itself in financial gain.

The young Russian/German woman who conned New York society (depicted in the Netflix series, *Inventing Anna*) and Elizabeth Holmes, who fleeced investors in her blood analysis company of hundreds of millions of dollars, are examples of female sociopaths.

Sociopathic men also are con artists. Some psychologists have estimated that 10 percent of the men who work on Wall St. are sociopaths such as Bernie Madoff.

But sociopathic men almost exclusively are the serial killers in our society -- Ted Bundy and others like him -- whose crimes horrify us.

Sociopathic men also are the dictators who have wrought carnage on our planet. Hitler, Stalin, Kim Jong-un, and Vladimir Putin readily come to mind.

And when you combine a sociopathic personality with male testosterone, the end result is what we see happening every day in Ukraine.

World events of the past two years have brought to the forefront the strong women who are the heads of their countries -- Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand, Kaja Kallas of Estonia, Sanna Marin of Finland -- and Angela Merkel was the top leader in Europe for 16 years until she recently stepped down.

We are not suggesting that women are better than men, or vice versa.

But in our opinion, it seems reasonable to believe that if all of our world leaders were women, there would be no more wars.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Buffalo, Laguna Woods, Houston – the world gets crazier every day

Dr. Glenn Mollette

A good person did not enter a grocery store in Buffalo, New York killing ten people and wounding multiple others. A good person did not enter a church in Laguna Woods, California wounding many and killing one person. A good person did not enter a Houston, Texas flea market killing two and wounding at least three more. These are evil people. The police officer who heroically fought back in the Buffalo grocery store with a gun was a good person. He was trying to protect the other good people who were in the grocery store.

If America rounded up all the guns and used them for only police officers and the military, there would still be evil people. Evil plots, make irrational decisions and go to depraved levels to carry out their heinous acts. What an evil person does is beyond the comprehension of everyday moral people. A mentally depraved person thinks in a sphere of unreality. They have thoughts no one else would ever think. Pathetically they put their thoughts into action. The Buffalo shooter drove hundreds of miles. He bought tactical gear and wore protective armor that enabled him to withstand the security guard's bullets and kill the security guard.

Generally, people used to live their lives concerned about what

God or a higher power thought about them. They were interested in pleasing God, their parents, the school teacher, coach or clergy leader. Today, insanity is bowing down to the god of social media. The deranged Buffalo shooter wore a camera so that his social media followers could see what he was doing. People often video themselves sky diving, jumping off cliffs, singing or whatever to show their followers what they are doing. The Buffalo shooter took it to another level and will most likely be mimicked by others. It's interesting that social media has the power to ban a former President but it can't control or prevent an insane live video feed of someone wanting to show others that he is killing people.

Evil people will find a way to carry out their evil schemes. They will find a way to get guns or use cars, planes, trucks, fire or whatever to hurt others. The people killing people in churches and grocery stores are not deer hunters. They aren't wild turkey or rabbit hunters. They aren't the average citizens who just want a gun for their bedside table for protection. The people perpetrating these crimes are deranged.

Our society must find a way to unarm those who are displaying outward signs of craziness or have any records of unlawful activity. Once again, it's difficult to keep guns out of the hands of bad peo-

ple because evil works very hard. However, we must continue to try.

Grocery stores, churches and most businesses will eventually have locked doors. You will need a card to unlock the door much like hotels use today. You will need your name and information registered with the business or house of worship before you'll be able to enter. Armed guards like airport security guards will check your identification when you come to the door. This still doesn't protect the families playing in a city park or those gathering in an open-air sidewalk café. To some extent we will always be vulnerable, everywhere.

The world has felt crazier every day for the last two years. This past weekend proved again that it's not getting better.

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## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

### MEMBERSHIP VITAL TO FOCCP

More North End/Waterfront residents should seriously consider membership in one of the community's most active volunteer organizations, Friends of Christopher Clumber Park (FOCCP) who recently celebrated their 10th anniversary.

FOCCP works closely with the Boston Park and Recreation Department to maintain the park and its gardens.

They also provide many activities and events each year at the popular park with support from local sponsors.

Membership is vital to help

## Gabriela Coletta reflects on win; Plans to hit the ground running once sworn in

By John Lynds

After a hard fought campaign, Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta came out on top during the city's Special Election Preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat earlier this month.

Coletta, who was officially sworn in Wednesday by Mayor Michelle Wu at a ceremony at City Hall, carried the North End during the May 3 election. Coletta, who squared off against political newcomer and fellow Eastie resident Tania Del Rio, also carried Eastie and Charlestown. Along with the North End, the two other neighborhoods make up the rest of the council district.

"You have heard me say this before, and I will say it again with great pride, as your Councilor-elect: I am a daughter of District One," said Coletta. "Every opportunity, every relationship, every inch of support - I am so grateful for everything that this community has given me. East Boston has given me so much and shaped me into the person I am today. This beautiful and diverse community has been the start of the American dream for so many immigrant families, including my own almost four generations ago when they climbed the Golden Staircase and settled on Cottage Street in Jeffries Point. I am so proud to be an East Bostonian."

After winning, Coletta said she wanted to extend a particular note of gratitude to Del Rio.

"We elevated the dialogue to focus on policy and plans," she said. "I look forward to working together to ensure our communi-

ties thrive. Thank you." FOCCP continue to keep the park beautiful and clean with plan events for the community. Get On Board!

### COLETTA NEW CITY COUNCILOR

Newly elected District 1 Boston City Counselor Gabriela Coletta is not a stranger to the North End.

She worked for former Counselor Lydia Edwards (now a senator) and was very active in the neighborhood's issue on a first-hand basis.

Coletta will be an asset to the community. She is totally reliable.

ties thrive. Thank you."

Coletta said throughout her campaign she and her team made some ambitious plans together.

"I am expecting every single one of you to hold me to them because I meant every word," said Coletta. "I meant it when I said that I will fight for affordable and workforce housing on Day One, because I know what it's like to be priced out of our neighborhoods. I meant it when I said that I will fight for accessible and responsive government that works for the people, because I know that the nuts and bolts add up to make a big impact on our quality of life. And I especially meant it when I said that we need to govern with compassion, empathy and humanity at the center of decision-making."

Coletta said she will do everything in her power to empower and amplify immigrant voices in City Hall and across Boston.

"I will use my platform to pro-

## Cuttillo Park still on hold

By Phil Orlandella

One of the reasons the renovation of Cuttillo Park on Richmond Street, North End has been on hold is the determination of constructing a hotel on Cross Street, adjacent to the park.

The development of the hotel has been approved by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

Apparently, the owners of the hotel have made a commitment to

### REPLACING LUISI A TOUGH TASK

North End Waterfront Health Center (NEW Health) CEO Jim Luisi is retiring after 24 years of active and dedicated service to the community is a hard pill to swallow.

Luisi has been the cornerstone of community health care and many social needs of residents dealing with food and housing.

During the height of the pandemic, Luisi's leadership was vital to the care of those in need of assistance.

Replacing Luisi will be a tough task.

protect our coastline from the high risk of flooding due to climate change, to expand our parks and tree canopy, and to hold MassPort accountable — because everyone has a right to green space and to breathe clean air," she said. "I will push for a facilities master plan for our public schools marked by investments in healthy learning environments. And I will fight like hell to close opportunity and achievement gaps by directly supporting children with special needs and English language learners."

Coletta said she plans to hit the ground running once taking the oath of office.

"The work starts now," she said. "You saw the energy and dedication with which I approached this race, but that was just a hint of what you can expect from me as your next Boston City Councilor. I cannot wait to get started. Thank you for your support, your votes, and your love."

donate some funding to the rehab of the park. The amount has not been confirmed, so it appears plans are on hold.

City officials told the Review that one way or another the rehab of the local park will take place and they will continue to work with the about is and other residents to determine what will be placed in the park and the design.

Once a haven for nighttime drug users, Cuttillo Park was a hindrance to the community.

## North End weekly COVID positive test-rate over 13 percent

By John Lynds

The North End and the surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test rate increased to over 13 percent with over 1 out of every 10 residents testing positive for the virus last week. Boston health officials have been battling against the recent surge in cases due to a new, more contagious variant.

Last week, 1,275 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Downtown and West End residents were tested for the virus last week and 13.5 percent were positive--this was an 18 percent increase from the 11.4 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on May 9.

One hundred seventy two additional residents contracted the virus between May 9 and May 16 and there are now 10,547 confirmed cases in the neighborhoods

since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate increased last week and is now over 10 percent.

According to the BPHC 18,119 residents were tested citywide last week and 10.8 percent were COVID positive--this was a 23 percent increase from the 8.8 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on May 9.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.7 percent last week and went from 181,346 to 184,415 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,462.

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## NORTH END LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

### Friday Movies

Starting Friday, May 20 at 2 PM, Barry Marshall of Emerson College will introduce four lesser-known films noir gems and lead a discussion afterwards.

### Mah Jong

On Thursdays at 11 AM Mah Jong will return starting on June 2. Teresa O'Connell will teach new players at a special beginners table. Bring your own 2022 card.

### Book Club

Book Club will be held the 4th Wednesday at 6 PM. This month, May 25 the book is *All the Old Knives*, by all Olin Steinhauser.

### Adult Chess Club

Chess Club for Adults will be held Mondays at noon. No prior experience. Designed for adults and features a volunteer instructor.

### Children's Programming

Story Time will be held on Tuesdays at 11 AM. Join librarian Ashley for songs and stories in the Children's Room. Program recommended for toddlers and preschoolers but young children are welcome.

### Summer Reading

Summer Reading is coming in July. Check with staff of visit [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org) for more information in coming weeks about activities, events and prizes.

## ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK 10TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway.

In celebration, a benefit to support the Legacy Fund to care for the maintenance of the park will be held in September at the InterContinental Hotel in Boston.

The park features an abstract

sculpture which is reconfigured annually.

A Labyrinth, a circle winding path paved in the grass with inlaid stone.

A Reflecting Pool of Water that rises as a single jet stream in the center of the Labyrinth.

Art, Science and Commerce is etched around the Labyrinth circle.

The park is a gift from Armenian Americans to the City of Boston and the state.

## NEW LIBRARIAN AT NORTH END LIBRARY



The North End Library has a new librarian, Catherine Halpin.

She grew up in Weston Massachusetts after graduating from UMass Amherst, she moved to Portland Oregon.

A library lover from childhood, Halpin, came back east for her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at Simmons College.

Halpin has worked at public libraries in Cambridge, Newton and Watertown and with the Boston Public Library since 2011 and came to the North End library after serving as the Interim Brac Librarian at the South End Branch.

"She selected the North End in order to emphasize connecting with patrons and getting back to

## IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

teaching and hands on activities," according to Friends of the North End Library.

## NEWNC TABLES SNOW HILL STREET PROPOSAL

A proposal by the owner of 47-48 Snow Hill St. to add a one-story addition to the existing three-story building and to build a roof deck was tabled by the North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) at the May 9 public meeting.

Tabling the proposal would allow the owner to discuss his height plans with Hull Street residents who were concerned, according to NEWNC.

## FIRST WOMAN SEXTON AT OLD NORTH

For the first time in the 300-year history of the Old North Church a woman will hold the position of Sexton.

Thirty-two-year-old Chelsea Millsap will begin her tenure managing a major renovation and restoration of the crypt underneath Boston's oldest surviving and operational church.

The project is expected to be completed by this coming Halloween.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Millsap brings a decade of experience in fire prevention, security technology and project management to the church.

## REP. MICHLEWITZ FOCCP GUEST SPEAKER

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz was the guest speaker at the recent Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) meeting.

"Aaron is a very active member

of the community and a good friend of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP)," the community group noted.

He was elected to the House of Representatives in 2009 and currently serves as Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, leading the work on the state's annual budget.

## NAZZARO CENTER NOW OPEN

The BCYF Nazzaro Center on North Bennett Street, North End has completed a two-month lead paint remediation project and is currently open.

To celebrate the reopening and share programming updates, Center staff are planning an event on Thursday, May 26 at 4 PM with food and games.

Lead removal work has been completed in the gym, second floor rooms and hallways, the staircase and areas of the exterior.

The Nazzaro Center houses a senior program, is available for community meetings, neighborhood events and provides many activities and programs for the youth.

## MIRABELLA POOL REGISTRATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Once again, the Nazzaro Community Center, under the direction of the City of Boston, will manage the Mirabella Pool this summer.

COVID 19 concerns drastically change the way the pool was utilized last summer. The pandemic forced the City to impose tough rules and regulations to make the site safer for everyone.

Registration, rules and regulations will be announced by the Nazzaro Center.

## OLD NORTH BOOK DISCUSSION

Old North Church and Historic Site will host an in-person discussion with author Julie Flavell's new book, "The Howe Dynasty" on Tuesday, June 7 from 6-7:30 PM at the church.

The book provides groundbreaking reinterpretation of one of the 18 century Britain's most famous military families that forced people to imagine the Revolutionary War in ways that would have been previously inconceivable.

To register visit [www.oldnorth.com/events](http://www.oldnorth.com/events).

## FRIENDS OF N.E. LIBRARY MEETING

Friends of the North End Library held a meeting to plan programs to offer at the library.

The Friends wanted to hear ideas on what the public would like to see and/or happen at the local facility. They wanted to gather input from North End patrons.

What did patrons miss when the library was closed and what they wanted that was totally new that could happen at the Parmenter Street library.

## FOCCP ELECTS OFFICERS

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) at the quarterly meeting elected the following offices:

President Joanne Hayes Rines, Vice President Ann Babbitt, Treasurer Allison Seavey, Clerk John O'Reilly and Director-at-Large Suzanne Lavoie and Patricia Sabbey.

Four years FOCCP has helped maintain and provide community activities at the well-used park.

## NEWS BRIEF

## BCYF NAZZARO COMMUNITY CENTER NOW OPEN

The two month lead paint remediation project at BCYF Nazzaro Community Center in the North End is complete and the center is opened on Monday, May 16.

The lead removal project included scraping loose and flaking lead paint on ceilings and stabilizing areas, leaving areas ready for paint, and cleaning rooms by HEPA vacuuming and TSP wash. Lead removal work has been safely completed in the gym, second floor rooms and hallway, the stair-

case, and areas of the exterior.

To celebrate the reopening and share programming updates, center staff are planning an event on Thursday, May 26 beginning at 4 p.m. with food and games. BCYF will have more to share as the event gets closer.

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# Amazon donates nearly one million dollars to youth sports programs

Amazon is going to bat for youth sports programs in Massachusetts. The company announced it is donating nearly \$1 million to youth sports teams and organizations across the Commonwealth including North End Athletic Association (NEAA), North End Little League and North End Youth Hockey. The grants will help expand access and level the playing field for sports and fitness opportunities in underserved neighborhoods and help organizations meet COVID-related budget shortfalls.

“We care about the communities in which we operate and live. We’ve seen the power of youth sports to build character and make a positive impact on our children and our communities. That’s why Amazon is thrilled to be able to invest in the health and well-being of young people in Boston and beyond,” said Jerome Smith, Amazon’s Head of Community Engagement for New England. “The pandemic took so much from all of us, especially young people. We hope this donation will get young athletes back in the game.”

The company made the announcement at the South End Baseball’s Opening Day Parade and festivities. Amazon is investing in eight communities across the Commonwealth. The resources from Amazon come as many local youth sports organizations throughout the nation are struggling to recover from the economic effects of the pandemic. Survey data from last year suggests the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on youth sports participation. National research by the Aspen Institute found thirteen percent of youth sports parents said their community-based sports provider

closed due to COVID-19, and another 12% noted it had merged with another organization. In total, 44% of families said their community-based program has either closed, merged or returned with limited capacity.

“South End Baseball is incredibly grateful for the support being given to us from Amazon with this year’s and last year’s grants,” said Pete Shults, president of SEB’s board of directors and a long-time coach. “With the pandemic essentially shutting down our fundraising efforts over the last two years, the company’s generosity is making a world of difference in our ability to keep the league’s operations running and funding our Hugh Chambers/Paul Rinkulis college scholarship program, which helps deserving players pursue their educational goals.”

“All Dorchester Sports and Leadership takes our mission of fostering healthy lifestyles and leadership skills very seriously. As we emerge from the past two years of near isolation, we recognize that participating in team sports helps address the stress our youth have been experiencing,” said Candice Gartley, Executive Director of All Dorchester Sports & Leadership. “Active bodies go hand in hand with good mental health. The generous support that Amazon provides ADSL allows us to work to re-engage our youth in healthy athletic activities.”

“To say this support from Amazon is game-changing is an understatement. This investment is just the spark needed after being sidelined by the pandemic to ensure sports in Lawrence come back with better quality opportunities that reach more deserving kids,” said Stephanie McArdle,

Executive Director of Beyond Soccer & Beyond Volley. “In addition to helping Beyond Soccer and Beyond Volley advance its mission, providing affordable, year-round sports and recreational programs to thousands of kids, Amazon’s impact will be magnified through its simultaneous investment in the Lawrence Sports Alliance and the dozens of Lawrence sports groups involved, like Suenos Basketball, Lawrence Pop Warner, and Serving Stars, who, like Amazon, believe in the power of sports to strengthen communities and make sure young people reap sports’ awesome, life-long benefits.”

“On behalf of the Revere Youth Baseball and Softball League, it is a pleasure to thank Amazon for their generous donation to our league,” said Shawn Vetere, coach and board member of Revere Youth Baseball and Softball. “It has been a struggle to operate the league since early 2020 without the benefit of being able to fundraise because of the then COVID-19 Restrictions. The funds you are donating will help our league to operate under normal conditions once again. These funds will also enable us to provide better equipment and uniforms for the children. Additionally, the funds will help fund the two new batting cages we will be installing at our complex.”

“Milford Youth Baseball would like to extend a sincere thank you to Amazon for their generous donation,” said Paul Pellegrini, President, Milford Youth Baseball. “Amazon’s continued commitment to the Milford Community is evident through this donation which will assist in the renovation of the Rosenfeld Field Project. This grant will also allow Milford Youth Baseball to purchase much

needed equipment which in turns defrays the costs associated with participation. Youth sports is an integral part of developing key skills such as healthy physical activity, personal relationships, teamwork, competition, and building confidence. These skills are building blocks for the future. We are grateful that Amazon has decided to support our league as a part of their significant investment in the youth of New England.”

“As our state turns the corner on the pandemic, we need to ensure our young people have access to equitable, affordable, and local recreational activities,” Smith added. “Investing in these programs is an investment in our youth and in helping them lead healthier, happier lives.”

Over the last year, Amazon has supported local communities

across the Commonwealth through monetary and in-kind donations to nonprofit organizations and public schools. Some examples include donations to King Boston, The Greater Boston Food Bank, The United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, local chapters of the Boys & Girls Club, local public schools and other area nonprofits. Last spring Amazon announced a donation of one million dollars to the arts and cultural institutions in and around Boston. There are also more than 28,000 organizations in Massachusetts that Amazon customers can support simply by shopping on Amazon smile. As of the fourth quarter of 2021, the company was employing more than 21,000 full- and part-time employees across its Massachusetts operations and is continuing to hire.

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## No contest for NEWNC election

By Phil Orlandella

Only six residents filed nomination papers to become candidates for six openings on the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC), resulting in another no contest for the third consecutive year.

Once again, all the candidates that turned in papers will be placed on the Council for a two-year term.

Each year, half the Council seats (6) are up for election to the only community group elected by residents to represent the community at City Hall.

NEWNC meets once a month to deal with requests, proposals

and issues that relate to the neighborhood.

Lack of community interest is the general feeling for the lower number of candidates to conduct a competitive election.

NEWNC did everything possible to attract candidates to seek a seat on the Board.

The group held a “meet the candidates” day at DeFilippo Park to attempt to make the community aware of the annual election, according to Tania Lee Green, NEWNC Election Chair.

The six candidates that will become Counsel members are: Joel Faller, Rory Harrington, Marie Simboli, Kevin Fleming, Amy Pollutro and Kendra Berardi.

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# NEAA LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY HONORS PATRICIA TANSO ROMANO

By Phil Orlandella

A large crowd turned out at the Langone Park for opening Day ceremonies for the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) 2022 Little League season.

This year, Patricia Tanso Romano, was recognized for over 50 years of providing many services and programs for the youth and families of the neighborhood, and continues to do so.

Romano tossed out the traditional first pitch and received much recognition from the NEAA, City and State elected officials.

NEAA Baseball Coordinator Ralph Martignetti introduced Romano thanking her for her dedication to the community as family, friends and others packed the park and cheered her loudly.

Things got started with the singing of the National Anthem by Anna Magno, a student at the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC).

The colors were presented by the USS Constitution Color Guard.

Father Michael Dell Penna, Pastor at Saint Leonard's Church, born in raised in the North End said the blessing.

Former NEAA President Ted

Tomasone, still active with the Association and Senator Lydia Edwards praised Romano for her community service.

The special day included five baseball games, Dunkin Donuts coffee and donuts, and all-day BBQ, face painting and a balloon artist, provided free by the NEAA and Watermark Donut Company LLC.

The volunteer food services were: Lillian Ferullo, Marianne Tordiglione, Sean Drummy and Eben Sullivan.

Alex Horan, Mariellen and Jeremiah Burns picked up some of the food and refreshments for the event.

Besides the NEAA, many of the sponsors listed below:

The event was free to all thanks to the North End Athletic Association and to our many sponsors: Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Senator Lydia Edwards, Lodestar, The Larson Family and Larson Ventures, The PRevite Family, Espresso Love, In Memory of Annita & Francesco Capone, Kathryn Burton, Jessica & AJ Cole, Knights of Columbus Ausonia Council #1513, Brine Sporting Goods, Boston Bottle, Public Action for Arts and Education, Francine &



Father Mike Dellapenna giving a blessing to the League.

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Patricia Tanso Romano throwing out the first pitch.



Pictured (left to right front row): PReston Horan - Catcher, Patricia Romano, Christopher Romano, Karen D'Amico, Ciara D'amico, and Kathy Carangelo D'Amore. Back row (left to right): John Premon, John Romano, Ralph, Martignetti, John Romano jr, Ted Tomasone, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and BPD Frank Ciampa.



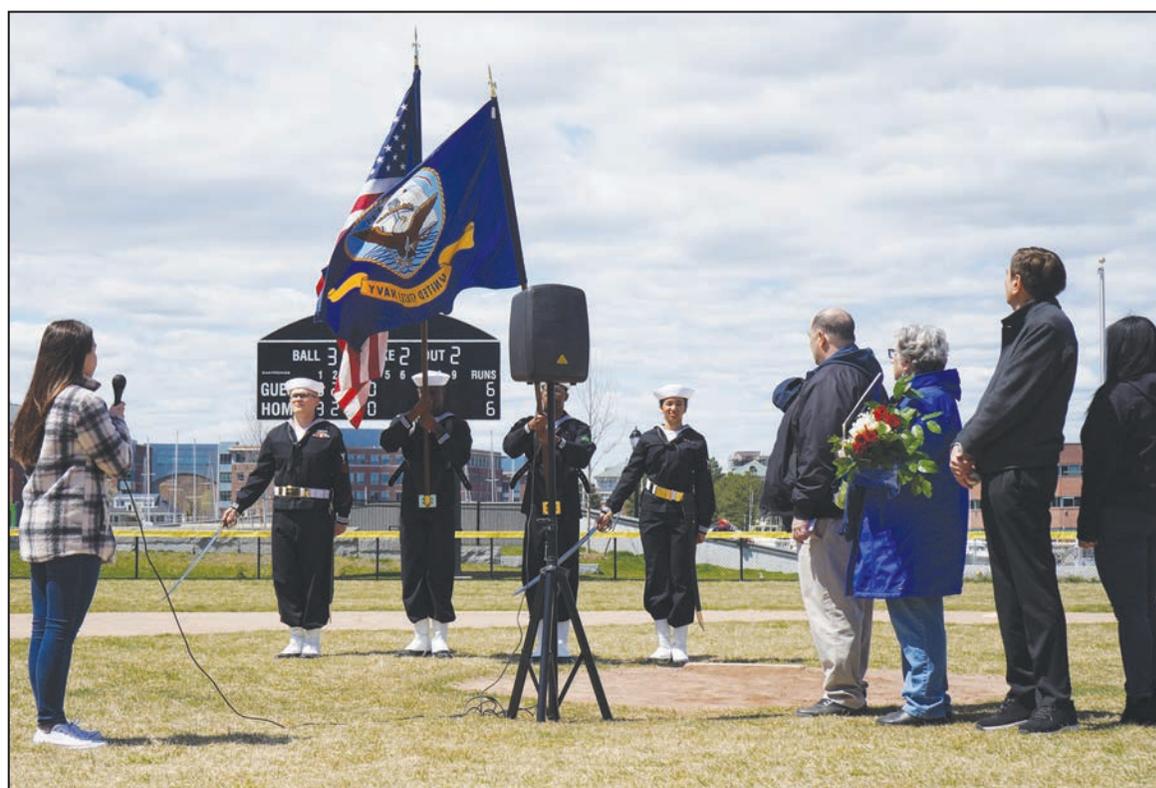
Patricia Romano with Senator/Councilor Lydia Edwards and Ciara D'Amico from Mayor Wu's Office.

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Face painting, balloons, food and other activities were available during the event.

Patricia Tanso Romano accepting her gifts.

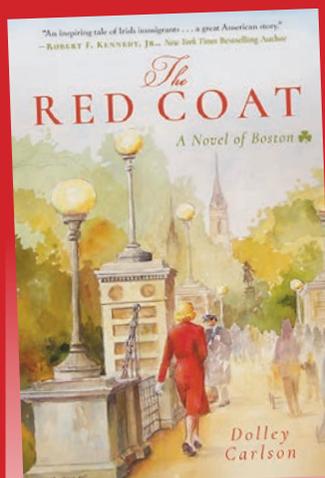


Anna Magno (left) Signing the National Anthem with the U.S.S. Constitution Color Guard Presenting the Colors. John Romano, Patricia Romano, Ted Tomasone and Karen D'Amico on the right.



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## NEMPAC *(from pg. 1)*

thing. I've been playing piano since I was four or five years old, and it's been a source of comfort, a source of strength, a source of just finding myself."

Since its founding, NEMPAC has thrown a birthday bash every five years. Besides a stellar musical program that included the performance by the Mayor, the guests of celebration were treated to culinary highlights and signature cocktails, a live auction, and a "buzzing and sizzling" after-party where guests danced the night away in true Roaring Twenties style.

"It was a delight to see so many long-standing NEMPAC patrons and supporters joining us for this milestone event," said NEMPAC Executive Director Sherri Snow. "We were able to lay a strong foundation to support our mission of enriching lives in our local neighborhoods and across the City of Boston through exceptional, accessible music education and performing arts programs. We felt such bliss to have our community as well as many new faces come together and celebrate, commemorate, and dance the night away in Roaring Twenties fashion and style. We are excited to see everybody again soon at our Jazz in the Park summer concerts or our upcoming programs."

NEMPAC also honored several supporters and staff during the celebration. Each honoree received a very special recognition for their exemplary and tireless support of NEMPAC and community arts, helping to fill the city of Boston with creativity, spark connections,



*The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) celebrated their 20th anniversary in style with a "Roaring Twenties" themed concert and fundraiser at Big Night Live.*

and share the gift of music with Boston's communities.

The honorees were Chair of Ways & Means and State Representative, Aaron Michlewitz; member of NEMPAC's Board of Directors and long-standing supporter of the community arts scene, Andrea Waldstein; and NEMPAC Opera Project Artistic Director & Stage Director and NEMPAC Faculty member, Alexandra Dietrich.

In 2001, five North End mothers launched NEMPAC out of their homes to give their daughters and sons the opportunity to pursue private piano instruction. By listening to, empathizing with, and meeting a community need for youth instrument lessons, the nonprofit's female founders banded together to make music an approachable art form for the children of Boston's Little Italy.



*A NEMPAC student performs during the music and performing art's 20th Anniversary celebration.*



*NEMPAC Executive Director Sherri Snow honored NEMPAC Opera Project Artistic Director & Stage Director and NEMPAC Faculty member, Alexandra Dietrich during the event.*



*The event was a tribute to NEMPAC's history, founders, and community, as well as a fundraiser to step into the future of equitable community arts.*



*NEMPAC was able to raise close to \$174,000, thanks to the generous support of their event sponsors and the City of Boston, donations by local businesses and community members, and contributions of close to 350 guests.*



*The evening concluded with a "buzzing and sizzling" after-party where guests danced the night away in true Roaring Twenties style.*



*NEMPAC Executive Director Sherri Snow with longtime supporters and donors to the program.*

# Mayor Wu launches Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools

Staff Report

Building on her campaign commitment to deliver a Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools (BPS), Mayor Michelle Wu on May 12 laid out a \$2 billion plan to overhaul BPS facilities, including new construction and renovation projects, as well as district-wide upgrades. The plan will be kickstarted by a \$605 million investment in the FY23-27 Capital Plan to launch major new projects, with new staffing and planning tools to deliver urgent improvements for BPS communities.

The Green New Deal for BPS will accelerate work to decarbonize the City's building sector, while delivering urgent improvements to environmental health, justice and safety for BPS students, families and educators. BPS facilities make up nearly half of City-owned building emissions. School construction, renovation, and retrofit projects will support citywide climate action while also building community resilience to extreme weather events.

Mayor Wu made the announcement alongside Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and School Committee Chair Jeri Robinson, standing in front of the McKinley Elementary School and McKinley South End Academy—one of the highest needs school buildings in Boston, serving some of the City's most marginalized students. The McKinley is one of several schools targeted for major investment, with a programming study proposed in the FY23-27 Capital Plan

to bring students, families, and educators to the table to collaboratively assess the school's needs and propose a vision for improvements.

"The Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools is a pledge to listen to and rebuild trust with our communities," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This is a new, all hands on deck approach, with new financial resources, planning tools, and staff capacity to deliver urgent improvements to our school buildings. With students, families, and educators at the table, we'll continue investing until every school can cultivate the healthy, nurturing environment our kids deserve."

The projects reflected in the FY23-27 Capital Plan include 14 new school construction or major renovation projects, as well as significant upgrades to athletic facilities at White Stadium. Also included in the plan are district-wide capital investments that will bring facilities improvements to nearly every BPS community, including energy and water efficiency upgrades, the installation of solar panels, renovations to bathrooms and kitchens, school yard improvements, and the installation of air conditioners and drinking water fountains. These projects represent a significant increase in City funds for school facilities projects and an acceleration of major new projects. Only nine new schools were built in Boston in the last 40 years, leaving decades of deferred maintenance to address urgently.

"Every child deserves a modern, up-to-date and well-equipped

learning environment that stimulates their creativity and fuels their excitement about learning," said Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Superintendent of Boston Public Schools. "Creating high quality schools in every neighborhood was a goal of mine when I first came to Boston. The City's commitment to creating 21st-century school buildings and classrooms across Boston is an important step forward for our students and families, and for the entire BPS community."

"This is a once in a generation opportunity to modernize our school facilities while also investing in projects that will help ensure a healthier planet for all," said Boston School Committee Chair Jeri Robinson. "The School Committee looks forward to working in partnership with students, families, teachers, and the entire BPS community to make this vision a reality for Boston's young people."

"The condition of our BPS facilities has long been a civil rights issue, and this historic investment is generations overdue," said City Councilor Kendra Lara. "With the looming climate crisis, Boston should be setting the standard for green infrastructure, and a Green New Deal for BPS sets a clear, bold vision that guides us in the right direction. I'm excited to partner with BPS students, families, and staff to deliver on that vision."

For the first time, students, families, and educators can use a new Building Dashboard—built internally by the BPS Facilities

team over the last year—for a comprehensive look at the data guiding the City's capital project proposals. The Building Dashboard integrates data from across 30 different maintenance categories with the SY22 Opportunity Index, which assigns a score to schools that serve the highest concentrations of students in need based on a variety of factors. The Dashboard then assigns each BPS facility a Building Needs Score to assess facilities holistically across the entire district, and is updated by the BPS Facilities team as new information becomes available. By providing an objective assessment of relative need, the Dashboard informs the prioritization of school buildings targeted for renovations or other upgrades in the FY23-27 Capital Plan.

The City is also investing in new tools to guide more transparent, data-based, effective decision-making on school facilities for future Capital Plans. Starting this spring, BPS is working with Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments, LLC to develop a Facilities Condition Assessment to independently validate the data in the Dashboard, provide an objective and detailed analysis of our school buildings' needs, and make recommendations for renovations and upgrades. The full study will be completed in 18-24 months. In addition, the Public Facilities Department is working with DLR Group, Inc. to develop a School Design Study to work collaboratively with BPS community members to create programming and design guidelines for safe,

sustainable, and inspiring school facilities. This study is intended to accelerate the programming and design phases of future projects, enabling the City of Boston to take on school facilities upgrades at an unprecedented pace. It will be complete in 12 to 18 months from when the project kicks off this summer.

The new approach to school facilities management will be driven by a coordinated, interdepartmental team. To spearhead a new approach to BPS facilities planning, Mayor Wu has asked Dion Irish, Chief of Operations for the City of Boston, and Indira Alvarez, Chief Operations Officer for Boston Public Schools, to manage an interdepartmental team. Mayor Wu's FY23 budget proposal includes 25 new staff positions to execute on school construction and renovation projects, including project managers, coordinators, and construction directors. This new staff capacity will be key to ensuring that this work is delivered efficiently, effectively, and on a clear timeline while minimizing disruption to school communities.

This announcement builds on Mayor Wu's commitment to expanding opportunities for Boston's youth including recent expansions of Early College and Innovation Pathways programming and the Summer Youth Jobs program and the launch of a partnership between the Public Works Department and Madison Park Technical Vocational High School to train high school students in electric vehicle maintenance.

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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead to May 28

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

#### Scheduled Work

- North abutment (Charlestown side near Chelsea Street) – barrier slab repair, rebar installation, and excavation
- Drainage installation
- Utility work on Charles River Avenue
- Forming and pouring concrete elements at City Square
- Pothole repair

#### Work Hours

- Most work will be done during the daytime (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

#### Travel Tips

For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share

the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

For your awareness, the following events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- Celtics: 5/15 TBA
- Events: 5/18 at 7:30 p.m.

### BUDGET (from pg. 1)

“As many residents know NEMPAC opened up their new space last summer so they’ve been working through their capital campaign to work on increasing space for administrative and instructional programming, with additional resources for enhanced professional programming,” he said.

Another \$50,000 for improved and enhanced lighting around the DCR Steriti Rink.

“The \$50,000 will go towards outdoor lighting, especially around the back of the rink where there’s been some issues and challenges at night for years,” said Michlewitz. “We wanted to be able to get some new lighting back there to offset and address some of those issues.”

The North End Athletic Association, the DeFillippo Playground and the Nazzaro Center will each get \$25,000 as part of the House’s approved budget.

Michlewitz said the North End Athletic Association will use the money to support operations and purchase new sports equipment. The \$25,000 to the playground will be used to create a maintenance program for the park. Finally the Nazzaro Center will use the money for WiFi upgrades at the community center.

The biggest earmark Michlewitz was able to secure was \$1 million to expand a ferry pilot program between the North End and East Boston. The earmark will ensure ferry service continues to run between the two neighborhoods until November 2022 with the hopes of continuing regular ferry service between the North End and Eastie indefinitely.

“With the Blue Line shut down recently and the upcoming closure of the Sumner Tunnel we felt it was important to focus on different modes of transportation to alleviate some of the traffic concerns in both neighborhoods,” said Michlewitz.

In the end Michlewitz said the earmarks are the result of listening to his constituents.

“Many of these projects and programs that are being funded are the result of residents reaching out and asking for some fiscal help during the budget process,” he said. “With some additional revenue we were able to provide some additional resources from the state that some of these programs wouldn’t otherwise get. We had an opportunity and wanted to make sure we made some good investments into the neighborhood.”

# Sumner Tunnel weekend closures to start next month

By John Lynds

Work to completely overhaul the decaying Sumner Tunnel will begin next month with weekend closures scheduled to begin on June 10 and last for 36 weeks. The work in the tunnel will culminate with a full closure of the Sumner for four months between May 2023 and September 2023.

At a virtual meeting last week, MassDOT officials said the MBTA still has not made a decision whether or not they make the Blue Line free for Eastie residents during the planned four-month closure of the tunnel.

While residents have been clamoring for free T service during the closure, some have begun circulating petitions calling for ferry service during the tunnel's planned closure.

Despite MassDOT's promise of a comprehensive traffic plan many residents are weary of state officials downplaying the huge traffic impacts that will befall the neighborhood during the weekend closures and subsequent full closure next year.

Eastie resident Joshua Schmidt

started an online petition calling on Rep. Adrian Madaro and Sen. Lydia Edwards to put pressure on the MBTA and keep the ferry that was running between Eastie and Boston during the recent Blue Line project as a transportation option for residents during the Sumner closures.

"The MBTA has provided two options for transportation downtown from East Boston: shuttle buses from either Maverick or Airport Stations or the ferry from Lewis Wharf to the Long Wharf," said Schmidt. "The MBTA is only intending to use these options for the extent that the Blue Line underwater tunnel undergoes maintenance (until May 15). With the upcoming closure of the Sumner Tunnel on weekends starting June 2022 and with a complete closure from May 2023 to September 2023, we urge the (State) and City of Boston to keep the ferry option open for East Boston residents to relieve the extreme pressure expected to be placed on the roads and subway systems. During the first week of operation, the MBTA ferry has received a lot of positive feedback and provides the

frequency the people need for a morning commute."

The online petition, which can be found at [www.change.org/p/bring-the-mbta-ferry-option-back-for-eastie-residents](http://www.change.org/p/bring-the-mbta-ferry-option-back-for-eastie-residents) has already gained 1,245 signatures with a goal of reaching 1,500 signatures.

Schmidt said a more formal petition will be sent to MassDOT, Rep. Madaro and Sen. Edwards once the 1,500 signatures are reached.

Residents have also been lobbying for the T to be free throughout the duration of the tunnel's closure. Residents have argued that the inconvenience posed by such a closure, planned between May 2023 to September 2023, will have a significant impact on commuters and lead to more traffic and gridlock during the commute.

In order to attract more people to ride public transportation during the tunnel's closure and cut down the number of cars driving through neighborhood streets, residents have asked MassDOT to advocate for the community and pressure the MBTA to make the Blue Line free.

MassDOT is anticipating sig-

nificant traffic impacts that come with shutting down a tunnel that was handling 39,000 vehicles per day pre-COVID.

The MBTA has agreed to hold off any routine or scheduled maintenance for any of the systems that would be impacted as a result of the Sumner closure. When the tunnel is shut down for a weekend it will be from 11 pm Friday to 5 am Monday morning and shouldn't impact any of the MBTA bus or train operations during the week.

However, when MassDOT shuts down the tunnel for 16 weeks in 2023 rush hour will be affected. It will be during this full closure when MassDOT will work closely with the MBTA to see what can be done to reach out and provide a better service for people and encourage them to take the T.

Through some traffic modeling conducted by MassDOT the department projects that 45% of motorists will use the Ted William Tunnel during the closure; 34% will use the Tobin Bridge; and 19 percent will go the Bell Circle route to Route 16 and down towards Rutherford Avenue in Charlestown.

However, at past meetings MassDOT officials said about 2% of the 39,000 vehicles during the morning commute will 'get lost in the mix' and go elsewhere. This could translate into around 800 vehicles per day ending up on Eastie streets and adding to the congestion residents have come to expect each morning before the pandemic.

The proposed Sumner Tunnel Centennial Project consists of resurfacing the tunnel roadway including pavement and lane markings; rehabilitating the overhead arch and ceiling, including deteriorating suspended ceiling supports; restoring the historic portal facades and addressing the functional system deficiencies of the Sumner Tunnel. Once the project has been completed, the Sumner Tunnel will meet modern fire and life safety codes with fireproofing, fire standpipe, fire alarm and CCTV upgrades. The tunnel will feature new LED lighting and security systems; new utility conduits and cables under the roadway deck which will improve cell phone, GPS, and radio service inside the tunnel.

## North shore music theatre opens the 2022 musical season with 'Smokey Joe's Cafe'

The jukebox will come to life when SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller opens the 2022 Musical Season at Bill Hanney's award-winning North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT). This production will be directed and choreographed by Broadway's Stephanie Pope Lofgren who was an original cast member of London's West End production. SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE plays from Tuesday, June 7 thru Sunday, June 19, 2022.

"What makes Smokey Joe's Cafe such a hit with audiences is the timeless rock 'n' roll music that makes up this show, but what makes it appealing to me to produce is the way we will be presenting the show," said Bill Hanney, NSMT owner and producer. "Our director and choreographer, Stephanie Pope Lofgren, is bringing a deep knowledge of the show gained by starring in the original West End production and fusing it with her own vision for the show. Being able to give our audiences a show that feels both familiar and new at the same time is the best of both worlds."

SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE is the Grammy© Award-winning and Tony© Award-nominated smash hit, that made history as

Broadway's longest-running musical revue featuring 40 of the greatest songs of the past century, including show-stopping classics like "On Broadway," "Stand by Me," "Jailhouse Rock," "Hound Dog," "Love Potion No. 9," "Spanish Harlem," "Yakety Yak," and "Charlie Brown." The musical revue is electrifying entertainment with the classic themes of love won, lost and imagined blended with slice-of-life emotions. This show isn't just great pop music - it's compelling musical theatre celebrating the music of legendary songwriting duo Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller whose music defined a generation and provided hit after hit for icons like Elvis Presley, Ben E. King, the Coasters, and the Drifters.

"What I want Smokey Joe's Cafe to evoke is that universal feeling of being "home," that place that despite everything going on in your life, you think of fondly and that you love to go to. A place that no matter how far away you travel, you always come back to, whether physically or just in your mind," says director Stephanie Pope Lofgren. "It does not matter where you are from, where you grew up, whether you had money or did not, whether times were

hard, or you had no care in the world, there is always something about 'home' that holds a special place in your heart. That feeling is as universal as the music in the show."

SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE marks Stephanie Pope Lofgren's North Shore Music Theater debut as a director & choreographer. Her Broadway career has spanned 5 decades beginning when she was hand-picked by Bob Fosse and Gwen Verdon to appear in Fosse's last original Broadway show, Big Deal, followed by the first Broadway revival of his Sweet Charity. Other Broadway credits include Pippin, Fosse, Chicago, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Kiss of the Spider Woman, The Will Rogers Follies, and Honky Tonk Nights. She was an original cast member of the West End production of Smokey Joe's Cafe and has starred in the national tours of Chicago, Thoroughly Modern Millie, and Sweet Charity as well as many regional productions across the country, including North Shore Music Theatre's 1995 production of Gentleman Prefer Blondes.

The ensemble cast of SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE will feature Andrés Acosta (Michael - June 14 -

19), Korie Lee Blossey (Fred), Christopher Brasfield (Victor), Kelsey Denae (Pattie), Al Guerzon (Michael - June 7 - 12), Nicole Henry (Brenda), David Hughey (Adrian), Nathan Lucrezio (Ken), Mariah Lyttle (BJ), and Bailey Purvis (DeLee). Katie LaDuca and Dwayne P Mitchell will serve as Performance Swings.

Joining Director/Choreographer Stephanie Pope Lofgren on the creative team will be Milton Granger (Music Director), Kyle Dixon (Scenic Design), Kelly Baker (Costume Design), Jack Mehler (Lighting Design), Don Hanna (Sound Design), Albert Guerzon (Associate Choreographer), Tommy Scrivens (Assistant to the Director), Stephen MacDonald (Production Stage Manager), Dakotah Wiley Horan (Assistant Stage Manager) and Robert L. Rucinski (Assistant Music Director). SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE is produced for North Shore Music Theatre by Bill Hanney (Owner/Producer), Kevin P. Hill (Producing Artistic Director), and Matthew Chappell (Associate Producer / Casting Director).

Tickets for SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE are priced starting from \$63 - \$88. Performances are June 7 - 19, Tue - Thurs at 7:30 pm,

Fri & Sat at 8 pm, matinees Wed, Sat and Sun at 2 pm. Kids 18 and under save 50% at all performances. \$25 Student Rush tickets are available. For tickets and information call (978) 232-7200, visit [www.nsmt.org](http://www.nsmt.org), or visit the box office in person at 54 Dunham Rd., Beverly, MA. SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE is sponsored by Iron Tree Service.

- Meet the Theatre: post-show audience discussion with the artists on June 14 after the 7:30 pm performance and June 18 after the 2 pm performance.

- OUT at the North Shore, an evening for the LGBTQ+ Community with a post-show reception on June 16 after the 7:30 pm performance. OUT at the North Shore is sponsored by North Shore Pride.

North Shore Music Theatre will continue the 2022 musical season with Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella (July 12 - 24), Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story (August 16 - 28), Little Shop of Horrors (September 20 - October 2), Kinky Boots (October 15 - November 6), and the annual production of A Christmas Carol starring David Coffee (December 1 - 23).

# Annissa Essaibi George delivers supplies to Ukraine refugees living in Poland

By John Lynds

With the help from local donors like the North End's Frattaroli Group, former City Councilor and Mayoral Candidate Annissa Essaibi George traveled to the Poland-Ukraine border recently to deliver supplies to Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war raging in their homeland.

Essaibi George and a small group of volunteers, which included her sister Sonia, spent a week delivering supplies and volunteering in Poland at the refugee centers in Przemysl and Medyka and even traveled across the border into Ukraine to help deliver supplies.

"Being in the refugee center full of families who were carrying all they could with them, many with pets in tow, made me think about my mom and grandparents

and their experience as displaced persons post-World War II," said Essaibi George, whose mother Barbara was born to Polish parents in a Displaced Persons' camp in Germany. "Her story inspired me to make this trip to help those experiencing something similar to what my family went through just a generation ago. Among the people in the refugee center, I could see my grandparents and my mom, then just a toddler, moving through the converted supermarket and on to an unknown future far from what used to be home, hopeful to build a new life."

With donations and cash pouring in from the North End and other Boston neighborhoods, Essaibi George said she and the other volunteers used the many cash donations, totaling almost \$25,000, to purchase and distrib-



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ute even more supplies in Poland and delivered food, sleeping bags, and medical supplies to volunteers for distribution in Ukraine.

"Thanks to the Boston community and beyond," said Essaibi George. "We left the US with over 2,000 pounds of humanitarian aid including medical supplies, feminine hygiene products, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, packed in 26 large hockey bags. Many of those hockey bags were delivered to us already loaded with donations from local hockey programs, the Boston Police and Boston Fire hockey clubs as well as bags from Latin Academy and Boston Latin School. Even the Bruins showed up to provide team bags for us."

Essaibi George also thanked all those who donated cash as well as helped the volunteers with the sorting and packing for the trip. These donors included the Frattaroli Group, owners of Ducalli, Lucia, and Filippo's in the North End.

"We met many Ukrainians who were taking the supplies one carload at a time directly to internally displaced Ukrainians, and children and the elderly who cannot be moved easily, often putting themselves in harm's way to help others," said Essaibi George. "One volunteer we met knew of orphanages in Ukraine that desperately needed diaper rash cream and medicine for children who could not be evacuated, and we were able to purchase almost \$10,000



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of these products to deliver to them. We heard many stories like this where volunteers were constantly solving problems, doing their best to source needed supplies and get them delivered to locations in Ukraine."

Essaibi George said she left Poland grateful and overwhelmed.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve a small part in helping Ukrainian refugees internally and externally displaced, for your incredible support, and for the many other volunteers who

have sprung into action to help however they can," she said. "I am overwhelmed by the enormity of this tragedy and the toll it is taking on Ukraine, by the need for more support – food, water, and basic supplies, and by the spirit of Ukrainians who have stood strong to defend their country. You all helped us bring much needed humanitarian aid to the refugee center in Przemysl, Poland and to volunteers who transported the items over the border into Ukraine to be distributed there."